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Via Email

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Tori Kim, MEPA Director
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Re: Proposed amendments to 301 CMR 11.00 MEPA Regulations

Dear Director Kim:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed amendments that will implement the new requirements under Sections 55-60 of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021: An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy.

The new law and proposed amendments could significantly expand the Commission's regulatory jurisdiction. Section 12(i) of the Cape Cod Commission Act requires the Commission to review as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) any project for which the Secretary requires the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report. Based on recent years, this has the potential to increase the number of DRI Reviews by approximately 40%.

Given the potential impact to the Commission's regulatory program, the Cape Cod Commission greatly appreciates the opportunity to participate as a member of the MEPA Advisory Committee. While this letter provides limited comment at this time, the Commission looks forward to continuing to provide feedback, including written comments, through the Advisory Committee process as the draft amendments to the regulations are updated.

Sincerely,

Kristy Senatori
Executive Director